Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet)

Organization Description

Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet) is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to support community technology centers. CTCNet now has 1,200 member centers across the nation all serving low-income communities.

Project Description

CTCNet is joining with three similar organizations to help FBO/CBOs integrate technology into their social services. Building organizational capacity increasingly depends on technology. They will focus on creative use of technology in delivering social services as well as use of technology for essential organizational tasks. They will provide training and TA to organizations in certain regions and make online resources available nationally.

Geographic Scope of Project

Online training and other resources available on the web will be available nationwide, but intensive TA and training will be focused in three states where they have a strong base of membership:
- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- California

Partnering Organizations

CTCNet, based in Cambridge, MA, will be the lead agency of a partnership including:
- Alliance for Technology Access
- Association of Christian Community Computing Centers
- Illinois Community Technology Consortium (IL CTC)

Sub-Awards

CTCNet will grant $750,000 in sub-awards to approximately 40 FBO/CBOs. Awards will range from $2,000 to $40,000 with priority going to organizations wanting to implement documented best practices. The grants will be awarded to organizations in Illinois in the first year, and California and Massachusetts in years two and three.

Project Objectives

1. To provide intensive technical assistance to 150 FBO/CBOs in three states.
2. To grant sub-awards totaling approximately $750,000 to at least 40 FBO/CBOs.
3. To award monies for start-up or expansion of services that serve at-risk youth or the homeless.
4. To provide sub-award recipients with individualized TA.

Project Strategies

- Provide on site and phone consultation with selected organizations in three regions.
- Offer three regional workshops.
- Provide national conferences.
- Organize and manage a national e-mail discussion list
- Provide free and discounted written materials and equipment.
- Provide online training and other information resources on multiple web sites.
- Link Americorps*VISTA staff to FBO/CBOs needing help.

Grant Award Amount

$1,499,770

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